

Health Mitigation Strategies

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HEAL - a - Hospitals and Other Critical Health Care Facilities											
1)	Work with critical health care facilities operators to ensure that critical facilities are structurally sound and have nonstructural systems designed to remain functional following disasters (as required for acute-care hospitals for earthquakes by State law).						X				
2)	Encourage hospitals to work with the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to formalize arrangements with structural engineers to report to the hospital, assess damage, and determine if the buildings can be reoccupied. The program should be similar to San Francisco’s Building Occupancy Resumption Program (BORP) that permits owners of buildings to hire qualified structural engineers to create building-specific post-disaster inspection plans and allows these engineers to become automatically deputized as inspectors for these buildings in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. OSHPD, rather than city/county building departments, has the authority and responsibility for the structural integrity of hospital structures.						X				
3)	Ensure health care facilities are adequately prepared to care for victims with respiratory problems related to smoke and/or particulate matter inhalation.						X				
4)	Ensure these health care facilities have the capacity to shut off outside air and be self-contained.						X				
5)	Ensure that hospitals and other major health care facilities have auxiliary water and power sources.						X				

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6)	Work with health care facilities to institute isolation capacity should a need for them arise following a communicable disease epidemic.						X			
7)	Develop printed materials, utilize existing materials (such as developed by FEMA and the American Red Cross), conduct workshops, and/or provide outreach encouraging employees of these critical health care facilities to have family disaster plans and conduct mitigation activities in their own homes.						X			
HEAL - b - Ancillary Health-Related Facilities										
1)	Work with State of California licensing agencies to identify these ancillary facilities in your community.						X			
2)	Encourage these facility operators to develop disaster mitigation plans.						X			
3)	Encourage these facility operators to create, maintain, and/or continue partnerships with local governments to develop response and recovery plans.						X			
HEAL - c - Interface with National and State Health Care Initiatives										
1)	Designate locations for the distribution of antibiotics to large numbers of people should the need arise, as required to be included in each county's Strategic National Stockpile Plan.	X							City of Fremont Fire Department	
2)	Ensure that you know the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) cities in your area. For example, Oakland and Fremont are the MMRS cities in Alameda County. MMRS cities are those cities that are provided with additional federal funds for organizing, equipping, and training groups of local fire, rescue, medical, and other emergency management personnel.	X							City of Fremont Fire Department	

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4)	Plan to utilize the State of California Department of Health Services laboratory in Richmond for confirmation of biological agencies and Department of Defense laboratories in Berkeley (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory) or Livermore (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia) for confirmation of radiological agents.	X						City of Fremont Fire Department		
HEAL - d - Environmental Health										
1)	Create discussion forums for food and health personnel, including, for example, medical professionals, veterinarians, and plant pathologists, to develop safety, security, and response strategies for food supply contamination.						X			
2)	Train appropriate personnel to understand that the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) cities in your area. For example, Oakland and Fremont are the MMRS cities in Alameda County. MMRS cities are those cities that are provided with additional federal funds for organizing, equipping, and training groups of local fire, rescue, medical, and other emergency management personnel.	X						City of Fremont Fire Department		

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